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# Fort Riley: America's Warfighting Center

### Army Chief of Staff Gen. Shinseki makes announcement at luncheon during visit

By Christie Vanover

Deputy MRO

FORT RILEY, KAN.-The Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, nd Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commandng general, 24th Infantry Division Mech) and Fort Riley, announced March 2 that Fort Riley has been named an American warfighting center.

In comments at Kansas Congressman im Ryun's quarterly luncheon, Shinseki aid, "Riley remains America's Warfightng Center ... I think it's a great logo for Fort Riley - America's Warfighting Cener, home of the great 24th Infantry Diviion and those brigades of the 1st

Armored and 1st Infantry Divisions."
This summer, Fort Riley's role as a warfighting center will be intensified as it to validate the warfighter center concept. prepares the 30th Enhanced Separate Brigade of the North Carolina National Guard and thousands of reservists from 18 states for the National Training Cen-

"We're bringing more than 8,000 reserve component personnel from all over the nation not just North Carolina," said Maj. Kevin West, training officer, 30th Enhanced Separate Brigade.

"Our intent this summer is to replicate the NTC rotation here at Fort Riley, so when they get out to the NTC in 2003, they'll know what to expect, and they will have a feeling like they have already

done that before," he said.

"This is an opportunity for Fort Riley We have the maneuver area, we have the support structure, we provide an OPFOR (opposing force) for the units, and we feel we can provide them with the best training experience possible," said West.
In addition to training Fort Riley's

active components, Fort Riley is home of one of the Army's two integrated divisions responsible for training and preparing three National Guard Enhanced Separate Brigades. The installation also trains more than 32,000 additional Reserve and National Guard soldiers annually.

"Riley supports about 300 Reserve warfighting center," said Metz following

Component units from the surrounding shinseki's departure.

"He already knew of our tremendousareas that come here and rely on (Maj.) General Metz's oversight and support to get through their training readiness," he

Metz, West and other Fort Riley officials laid out the installation's plans for its summer training to Shinseki during one of his many briefings about the Fort Riley plan to harmonize with Shinseki's vision of transformation.

"Today's visit by the chief was a super day. Any day you get the Chief of Staff to come visit your installation is a very important day, but it was a special day because we were able to articulate to him all the capabilities that make us a

ly valuable training ranges, our training areas and our simulations. What we emphasized to him today was our force projection capability," he added.

With the capabilities of Fort Riley's

railhead and the Manhattan Regional Airport, Fort Riley can move a loaded brigade in less than two days. "We can move them to the Port of Beaumont (Texas) in 48 hours," said Metz.
In addition to Shinseki's words of

appreciation for America's soldiers, Shinseki focused on troop movement

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#### **Red Cross** assists soldiers

By Steven Cooke 19th PAD

A concern many soldiers have vhile their deployed is "What if here's an emergency while I'm gone?" Yes there is the Family Readiness Group, and the Chain of Concern plays a vital role in ielping families, but many solliers want to know if their loved re in crisis. Making sure soldiers re informed in a time of need is he American Red Cross.

"Our mission out here is to process and receive all Red Cross nessages to soldiers of Headquarers and Headquarters Company, st Brigade Combat Team and ther slice elements attached to st BCT," said SFC Stephen Robateau, noncommissioned offier in charge of Red Cross liaison or the 1st BCTs rotation to the National Training Center.

Robateau explained how the process works.

The American Armed Forces Emergency Center contacts the Red Cross liaison office where the nessage is then relayed to the sollier's chain of command.

Once the soldier has received he message, the liaison informs he American Armed Forces Emergency Center. This must be lone within a 24 hour time period. Once the chain of command

as been notified, it is their deci ion to release the soldier or not.

"Once we notify the emergency center that the soldier has eceived the message, the case is onsidered closed," explained Robateau. "Closed doesn't mean he soldier is going home. That is ip to the chain of command.

If the chain of command does lecide that it is best for the soldier o go home, then, Robateau and is staff do everything they can to get the soldier on the next flight

"Once we have been notified hat a soldier is going home we ontact G-3 to generate a leave orm for the soldier and make light arrangements with Carlson Vagonlit Travel Center," he xplained. "Soldiers usually get on the next flight that day or the irst flight the next morning for heir home station."

Since coming to NTC, the liaion office has received more than 32 messages and has either redeployed or sent back 23 soldiers, tated Robateau.

"We've received quite a few nessages," said SSgt. Vincent /an Cleave, Red Cross liaison. They've ranged from deaths to hild births."

CWO4 Ron Erkie. maintenance officer, Co. F, 158th Aviation Regt., cleans the windshield on his CH-47 Chinook helicopter while at the Nation-Training Center. The unit is there supporting the 1st BCT during their rotation.



# Ch-47 support

Aerial angels assist Devil Brigade



A CH-47 Chinook helicopter lands at Bicycle Lake Army Air Field after a mission. The Chinook from Company F, 158th Aviation, Kansas Army National Guard, provides support for the 1st Brigade Combat Team during their rotation to the National Training Center.

# Olathe unit supports 1st BCT soldiers

By Jeremy Heckler

19th PAD

FORT IRWIN, Calif. - They have left their lives in America's Heartland and journeyed to the training grounds in the California desert, serving as aerial angels to the Devil Brigade.

The soldiers of Company F, 158th Aviation Regiment, from New Century, Kan., and their CH-47 Chinook helicopters supply beans, bullets, food and more to the 1st Brigade Combat Team during their National Training Center rotation.

sion rear to the brigade supply areas," said CWO3 John Berezoski, pilot, Co. F, 158th Aviation Reg. "We are also on stand-by for casualty evacuation missions.

As the only Army aviation asset for the brigade, the unit also takes on missions it was not designed for such as reconnais-

The harsh environment of the California desert provided the unit with several obstacles.

"The adverse weather condilenges because it can be hot one day and cold the next and it can

"When you land, the heli- perimeter and meeting the basic younger soldiers. Many of the copter kicks up sand and it challenges the pilot and the crew because you lose complete visibility and you have to depend on the people in the back to help bring the aircraft down safely, said Berezoski.

Fort Irwin has also proven to be a test of the entire company.

"In an environment like this, you find people in a tough situation and have to do what's neces-

sary," said Berezoski.
"Right now we have persontions provides realistic chal- nel shortages that requires offi- notice and all of our drills precers to step up and do things that vou normally wouldn't find us

unit needs hasn't left a lot of time for that," said Cpl. Jason Piper, mechanic, Co. F, 158th Aviation Reg.

"On a drill, normally I don't have time to meet other people in the unit but here is a great time to get to know people," said Piper. 'I've met officers here that I did-

n't know were in my unit." The deployment is a culmination of months of drills the unit participated in.

"We had about five months pared us to get here," said Piper.
"We had classes on night-

crewmembers have experience from their times in far-flung places such as Saudi Arabia and Vietnam.

The rotation is one of many exercises that the unit conducts with Fort Riley soldiers.

"We go a lot of different places and we welcome the opportunity to train with other

soldiers," said Berezoski. The unit supported a variety of different units from special operations soldiers at Fort Carson, Colo., to reserve troops in

the wilderness of Minnesota. The experience has been

# Defense of Sector Help

# Communications key to battle for 1st BCT

By Jeremy Heckler

19th PAD

FORT IRWIN, Calif. - The Devil Brigade drew a line in the lesert sand against the Krasnoians in the first challenge of the Mojavia campaign.

Members of 1st Brigade, 1st nfantry Division performed a lefense in sector against the **Vational Training Center Opposi**ion Force.

We performed a Motorized Rifle Regiment attack against the olue force throughout the night," aid Col. Mike Davis, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and Opposition Force commander.

Armor units from the 2nd Batalion, 34th Armor provided the irst punch for the task force.

"We started with a guard force nission, serving as the forward yes of the battalion where we vould have been allowed to come n contact with the enemy and low any advancing forces to llow the brigade to set up their

defense," said 2nd Lt. Timothy the battle about the situation want the platoon to be more cohe-Carlburg, platoon leader, 1st Platoon, Company C, 2nd Bn., 34th

Carlburg said his platoon came into contact with the enemy as covered the enemy's thev approach route to the target.
"We were pulled to defend the

first swarm of attackers and roadblock them before the main body came through," said Sgt. Jason Mullen, tank commander, 1st Platoon, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor. He said that before the battle was over, vehicles from his force mixed with Company B in an attempt to hold the enemy at bay.

As the guard force, 1st platoon did not have the benefit of dug in positions and had to find cover where they could.

"I'm from the desert and I know that there aren't many places for a 70-ton tank to hide so you have to make do," said Mullen.

Mullen said communication was the key for his unit as he and have more unity." his wingman talked a lot during

enveloping around them.

With observer control watching the battle, the brigade learned what it did well and what it needed to improve on.

"Typically when we fight with units from Fort Riley the units are well trained with a high level of expertise and an experienced staff," said Davis. He said the OPFOR treats them differently than an inexperienced unit.

"With a less experienced unit it is easy to exploit their weaknesses over and over again," said Davis.

For the members of 1st platoon, many of the crews have to gel together in the heat of battle.

"I had a whole new crew after BNCOC (Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course). My old crew had cohesion. Throw in a new gunner and a driver straight out of basic and there isn't a lot you can do when you're thrown into it," said Mullen. "By the time the rotation is over we should

"By the end of the rotation I

sive and be on the upward curve of success," said Carlburg. "As long as we learn from our mistakes and not repeat them, we can do that."

With the battle over, the crews looked forward to their next challenge as they changed to the role of attacker for the next battle.

"When you're on offense, it is more challenging because with the defense all you worry about is moving back or to an alternate position but on offense you need to keep your gunner and driver straight while you read your map and listen to the radio for the grids you need to move to next," said Mullen

On the other side of the field. the Krasnovians wait to provide the Devil Brigade with their next fight.

"Our role is to help the brigade combat team become well-trained and give them a good fight and challenge them in every battle," said Davis.

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made up of Army retention noncommissioned officers.

shifts," said Van Cleave.

The job comes with some other challenges, as well.

'It's a challenge to contact [1st BCT's] Tactical Operation Center one of their mock battles," Van

Communication between the liaison office and the TOC is done solely by phone and it is hard to get through during one of their missions.

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Except for himself, the staff is ade up of Army retention non"It's really nice to tell someone 'your baby has been born," said

"We feel like we're doing something really important because we're dealing with peoples lives.

"This has been a very interestwhen they are being attacked in ing learning experience for me,' said Robateau, 1st BCT's personnel sergeant back at Fort Riley. "Our mission out here is to take care of soldiers and to make sure they receive their messages in a timely manner, which is reward-

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luring his speech to Manhattan, explained that Fort Riley was not unction City and Fort Riley repesentatives.

"Readiness is about today's esponsibilities and today's misions. Transformation is about omorrow's readiness for the misions we can't even envision oday," he said. "The kinds of ransformations we look for have ome characteristics that are mportant.'

esponsive than the Army is even s today. It has to be more deployble than it is today. Our light orces can go with lightning speed o lots of places, but if it's a long, rotracted fight, we have to get he heavy forces in there. The leavy forces take a while to leploy and we've got to do somehing about that," he added.

Shinseki's vision of transfornation includes three vectors, the Dijective Force, the Legacy Force and the Interim Force. The Dbjective Force is the Army's iltimate goal, with the first rigade scheduled to stand up in 2010. The Legacy Force is today's Army and the Interim Force will begin standing up this year to "fill

he gap."
"The luxury of having the time wer the next eight years to get hat future objective force right ies on the shoulders of the legacy orce, the forces we know today, aid Shinseki.

"If you fail to change, you may become irrelevant. This nation annot afford an Army that's not ully relevant, and that's why ransformation is important," he

The first Interim Brigade Com-Lewis, Wash., this year. Shinseki chosen as a site for an IBCT brigade. It's the force that will because its inventory of mechatake on anyone else's best," he nized heavy equipment is needed for the future Objective Force.

'The brigades of Riley are important to our inventory as heavy brigades, and we're going to keep them that way until they're ready to transform," he

The Army has to be more Combat Team and compare it to our heavy brigades and you ask me which is a better warfighter, I and will continue with all of the

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2 x 5" Black Only will tell vou it's the heavy said.

Metz takes pride in Fort Riley's mechanized warfighting capabilities. "Everyday we prepare two brigade combat teams and an engineer group to go to war," he

"Once one of those units leaves "If you take an Interim Brigade Fort Riley, I'm absolutely confident that we will bring one of the reserve component brigades here

facilities we have getting them ready. Therefore we are America's Warfighting Center.'

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# Mechanics keep vehicles rolling

Nathaniel Rivera, metal worker.

"Spirits are up and the soldiers are motivated," said Bomia.

By Steven Cooke

19th PAD

When vehicles breakdown at he National Training Center, solliers of the 1st Brigade Combat eam don't have the luxury of runing to the local mechanic, they ave something even better, they ake their vehicles to the 1st Maintenance Company.

"Our function is to repair broten equipment and send it back to rigade so they can continue to ight the battle," said SFC Ronald Schum, maintenance control upervisor, 1st Maint. Co.

The mechanics are capable of performing just about any nechanical job there is, from epairing air conditioners to nstalling a new engine in a Humvee. They even have a ortable welding shop nicknamed he "Batmoblie."

"We call it the "Batmobile" for wo reasons," said SSgt. Michael Dliver, non-commissioned officer n charge of the1st Maint. Co., nachine shop.

One, it looks like a bat when he sides open up and secondly, or all the functions it can per-

Still, the most common probems are caused by pesky little

"We see lots of tire and suspen-

sion repairs," said First Sgt. Rick learning new things out here too. Bomia, 1st Maint. Co., "because "It's a challenge," said PFC of certain cactus and their prickles are so strong they puncture Humvee springs and tires."

The cacti is not the only problem mechanics face at NTC.

"It's hard dealing with sand and the wind," said Pvt. 2 Paul Czelusniak, utilities equipment repair mechanic. "The sand gets in the equipment."

"We don't have all the tools we have back at Fort Riley," said Cpl. Ronnie Loggins. "At Fort Riley, we also have a floor; here we have dirt and sand."

And of course what would NTC be with out the long hours.

"We're putting in 18 to 20 hours a night," said SFC Michael Garcia, platoon sergeant.

Though the battalion is not in "The Box" battling the enemy, they still have to learn to protect themselves from infiltration by the enemy.

"We have additional tasking like protecting our perimeter," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Garcia, platoon sergeant, 1st Maintenance Co.

The mechanics have found a

couple of ways to do their best. "We have to think more tactically than mechanically," said Czelusniak.

Being that this is the National Training Center the mechanics are

"Soldiers should be aware of their surroundings," said Bomia. "Our real fear is not the vehicle but the soldiers getting hurt. We Bomia offered some advice for can fix vehicles but we can't fix preventing vehicle damage while soldiers.'



PFC Nathaniel Rivera, a metal worker with the 541st Maintence Battalion works on a picket pounder while at the National Training Center.

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#### Pilot program begins

Beginning April 1, the 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery and the 70th Engineer Battalion will begin a pilot cycle training schedule. Duty hours for these battalions will be from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with PT from 4-5 p.m. In support of this training schedule, the Custer Hill morning PT barricades have been moved to Drum Street from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. the 4th Bn., 1st FA POC is Capt. McCollor at 239-4316 and the 70th Eng. Bn. POC is 1st Lt. Thoendel at 239-5507.

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#### Self-Help Course set

Did you know that every unit is required to have an NCO and three school trained members on their Self-Help Team?

These teams are an essential part of the Installation's facility

maintenance team.

They free Public Works employees to work on those repairs that only they can do. Public Works Self-Help School can help units establish a good Self-Help Program.

The course is scheduled every month and the next classes are scheduled for April 8 and May 13.

For more information visit the PW web site or call 239-3757. The course is taught in conjunction with Barton Community College and provides soldiers the opportunity to obtain advanced education credits.

The Self-Help course also incorporates the Installation's Energy Conservation class, which is taught on the Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. the week of the Self-Help Class. You do not have to attend the Self-Help class to come to the Energy Class. This class is mandatory for Energy Awareness Officers/NCOs.

To enroll a soldier, the unit needs to submit a request for on-post school space to the Self-Help School. The school is located on Main Post in Bldg. 307, on the corner of Holbrook and Carter Ave., on the upper floor.

The hours of operation for the school are from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. They are closed on federal holidays and

If you need to pick-up Self-Help supplies the Troop Self-Help Store is open from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The store is closed on all federal holidays.

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## Commentary

#### Meeting Changed

Next month SAMC meeting ias been changed to the 937th Engineer Group dining facility at 1:45 a.m., April 2. The agenda or this meeting is the upcoming nduction ceremony, food drive, ake sale and NCO ball on May For more information, call at 139-7522.

#### Reunion planned

The 547th Engineer Battalion Association is holding its 16th nnual reunion Aug. 1-4, in Fort Mitchell, Ky. Active duty, retired nd honorably discharged personiel are welcome to attend. Please all Nelson Reinhart at 513-752-3545 or Ursula Allen at 253-582-649 for more details.

#### Short Staffed

On the week of May 20-24, 1st inance will be short staff due to Red Cycle and Spring Clean-up. There may be a long wait for ser-

On June 12, the finance office vill be closed due to a training ıolidav.

For more information, call 239-

#### Events planned

On April 20, the 5th Annual Ol' Bill's Earth Day Stampede and 3rd Annual Outdoor Recreation Open House, will take place. Events include a 5K,

Rucksack Unit Challenge Race tarting at 8 a.m., a 10K Race tarting at 8:30 a.m., a 2-Mile Adults and Kids Bike Rally start-ng at 11 a.m. and 5-Mile Volksnarch starting at Sports USA, rom noon until 3 p.m.

Registration forms can be icked up at the Commissary, Post Exchange, Outdoor Recreation Center, Sports USA, and the gyms on post. For more information please contact William Brooks at 239-6493 or Jim Westerhaus at

#### Thrift Shop News

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is urrently accepting spring cloth-ng consignments. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, Wedneslays, Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - different scenes at Fort Riley, lots of Americana, hand made pottery,

each month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Consignments are taken on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and on open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - noon. The shop is located in Bldg. 267 on Stuart Ave. near the stables. Volunteers are needed during business hours to help tag and put donations on the shelves. Child care reimbursement is available.

Please call 784-3874 for more information. The Thrift Shop email address is thrift@ozonline.net, for customer questions or concerns.

#### Community Life Softball

Registration for Community Life Softball season is April 1-14. The registration fee is \$175 per

For more information contact Billy Mack, 239-3764.

#### Home Schooling

People interested in the Military Families Home School Group should contact Lisa Mason, at 784-2799.

April Activities include: April 1, 11:30 a.m. - Regular Group Meeting - St. Mary's Chapel

April 4, 9:30 a.m. - Gymnastics - Manhattan Gymnastics Center April 6, 10 a.m. - Book Club -St Mary's Chapel

April 12, 9 a.m. - Quilting Project - St. Mary's Chapel April 15, 5 p.m. - Chess Club

Garrison home April 18, 10 a.m. - Fish Hatchery and Nature Center Field Trip (Ďon't forget a sack lunch).

April 26, 9 a.m. - Art and Science Project - St. Mary's Chapel

#### Commissary Open

The commissary will be open normal shopping hours on Easter Sunday. The hours are, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call Alice Miller at 239-2921.

#### The Shoppe News

The Shoppe is full of Spring inventory. The many crafters displaying their works in The Shoppe have been busy making new items. The Shoppe continues to carry antiques, watercolors of

wreaths, and numerous wood crafting items. The Shoppe is located in Bldg 259, on Stuart Ave. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Call 785-239-2783 for more information..

#### Outdoor Rec Open House

The 3rd Annual Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Open House is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 20.

The Open House will feature equipment exhibits, area vendor displays and information about fishing and hunting at Fort Riley and in the region. The Outdoor Recreation Center, located at 9011, Rifle Range Road, Camp Forsyth.

#### Music nights weekly

Sports USA has begun offering weekly music theme nights. Dance music Friday nights will transition to the Latin Night format beginning at 11 p.m. Dance music Saturday nights will transition to the urban and hip-hop "Late Night with Monroe" show also beginning at 11 p.m.

#### Vehicle Auction

The Directorate of Community Activities Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will conduct its next Abandoned Vehicle Auction on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location for the auction will be Camp Funston near the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) Bldg. 1950 L Street. Vehicles with trailers should enter the Camp Funston area at the 12th Street entrance off K-18. It is expected some 150 vehicles will be up for auction. A public viewing of the vehicles is scheduled March 25-29 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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# NCO Ball May 23

ioned Officers' Annual Ball is cheduled to be held May 23 at 6 o.m. at Riley's Conference Cener. Event organizers are expectng approximately 350 NCOs and pouses to attend.

Several activities will be feaguest speaker, CSM Dwight J. Brown, command sergeant major or tenants. of Headquarters, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force 3ase, Fla.

Also featured will be a skit lepicting the evolution of the VCO Corps rank structure from he Revolutionary War to the pre-

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The Fort Riley Noncommis-sent. Members of the Fort Riley Honor Guard will be wearing Civil War uniforms complete with sabers.

The ball is open to all Fort Riley NCOs, from corporal to command sergeant major. Tickets are expected to be available soon, ured during the ball including the and may be purchased by contacting senior NCOs in the brigades

Anyone needing more information on the ball, may contact G-3, at 239-6042.

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#### Easter Brunch

Riley's Conference Center will host an Easter Brunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday. The brunch will feature a wide variety of breakfast and lunch selections. Prices are \$12.95 for adults, \$11.45 for retirees and seniors, \$7.95 for children six to 12 years old and free for children under six. Reservations can be made by calling 784-5999.

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Fort Riley will host its 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, on the grounds of Riley's Conference Center, Seitz and Huebner Drive, Main Post. The popular event gets underway at 1 p.m. The Easter Egg Hunt features four age categories including children under two years old; two and three year old children; four and five year olds; and six, seven and eight year olds.

Some 4,000 Easter eggs will be hidden in the rear area of Riley's in the four designated age group areas. There will also be special

The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Directorate of Community Activities (DCA) Recreation Adventures for Tomorrow (R.A.F.T.) team and the AAFES Burger King Restaurant.

#### Recognition announced

The annual Fort Riley Volunteer Recognition Ceremony has been scheduled for Monday, April 22, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Riley's Conference Center. The ceremony will kickoff Volunteer Recognition Week April 22-26.

#### **CAC Meeting**

The next Fort Riley Community Action Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Wednesday,

#### April 24, at Riley's Conference

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support services.

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ANY computer with internet access. Your questions or suggestions regarding ICE should be directed to the Strategic Planning Office, phone 239-2540 or e-mail SPO@riley.army.mil.

#### Volunteers needed

Vacation Bible School needs volunteers for two joint Catholic and Protestant morning sessions: June 17-21 and June 24-28.

We need both adult and student volunteers (middle school or older). Contact Jackie at 784-8210 if interested."

#### Consignments accepted

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is currently accepting spring clothing consignments. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Consignments are taken on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and on open Saturdays from 10 a.m.

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#### Moms Club announced MOMS Club of East Manhat-

tan is a non-profit club designed for stay-at-home moms (or dads). It provides moms with an opportunity to interact with one another while their children participate in various daytime activities all month. Most events are for moms and their children to participate in together during the day, while some are especially for moms with optional child-care available. Children are welcome at all activities. About one third of the membership consists of military wives stationed at Fort Riley. A monthly business meeting is held the 3rd Friday of each month at 0930 at First Christian Church (not affiliated), Manhattan. Annual dues

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# Window shines light on Sept.11 terrorist attack tragedy

By Neisha Rogers **ARNEWS** 

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, March 21, 2000) -More than 400 chaplains and haplain assistants recently ssembled a stain glass window to e hung at the Pentagon later this ear in honor of the Sept. 11 vic-

Each chaplain and chaplain's ssistant was given a numbered piece of glass to place in the winlow frame during the Chaplain Corps Annual Senior Leadership Fraining conference at Hilton Head, S.C. in early March. Through creating this stained class window, we will express our aith as well as honor those we emember who were taken from

Gen. Gaylord T. Gunhus.

The Pentagon-shaped stained glass window will be hung in a memorial chapel planned for construction in the area of the building destroyed by the hijacked air-

The design will include the head of the American Bald Eagle in the center with the American flag waving in the background; an olive branch symbolizing peace and goodwill; as well as inscriptions at the top and bottom of the window reading "United in Memory" and the date September 11,

The window was constructed from more than 500 individual more than 50 hours to design and 184 pieces of red glass to reprepiece of glass to fit into the frame.

were killed at the Pentagon.

"It's very symbolic to take the broken pieces of glass and put them together to make a beautiful picture," said Lt. Col. Richard D. King, chief of Personnel Proponent Office, Chaplains Center and School, Fort Jackson, S.C. Dennis E. Roberts, artist and owner of IHS Studios in Fredricksburg, Texas, who donated the piece, said he felt honored and privileged to be able to help create something to remember the victims of the attacks, especially considering his own military ser-

Roberts said the memorial took

ism victims because of their duty as

soldiers, then the Government is

going to try to compensate the sol-

diers for their losses. But, before

the Government will help the sol-

diers, the soldiers must help them-

us," said Chief of Chaplains Maj. sent the 184 men and women who "It's awe inspiring. The artist donating his time to design it and then letting the soldiers put it together. It's like being a part of another part of history," said Master Sgt. Rashida Valvassori, 77th Regional Support Command, Fort Totten, N.Y.

The annual conference focused on spiritual leadership and having a positive influence on soldiers. Many of the chaplains who attended the conference were stationed very close to the areas that were attacked. They said being a part of the assembly had special meaning because it allowed them to begin their own healing

"It gives us a chance to reflect, pieces of stained glass including more than three weeks to cut each refocus, and renew our spirit,"



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# ersonnel Claims Act protects soldiers

Every deployment has its posives and its negatives. One of the lownsides is that soldiers do not theft and vandalism. lways come home to the same hings, the same way that they left hem. That could include their peronal property-their stuff, their

POV's, their TV's, their CD's.

The Army tries to help these soldiers through tprotectshe Personnel Claims Act (PCA). The PCA says that if soldiers are theft and vandal-

selves. For example, a deploying soldier must do what he or she can do to prevent theft or vandalism by locking doors and windows to rooms and forcing thieves to force an entry. Soldiers must also use the double lock rule when deploying which means that their "stuff" must be locked down twice-once inside a wall locker and then again inside a locked room. In addition, if a soldier has available an anti-theft device, such as a removable face plate on a CD player, then the soldier must use the anti-theft device.

If a soldier's unit is providing a secure lot to store POV's, then the soldier should use it. Soldiers should remember that a POV is not the proper place for storage of personal items. Also, in order to collect on a POV claim, the POV must be "legally" on post, so soldiers should make sure that their registration, insurance, and DOD sticker are all up to date.

Sometimes, even when soldiers do what they are supposed to, they still fall victims to theft and vandalism. So, how do soldiers get the biggest bang for their buck so to speak from the Government? Documentation. In order to be successful in a claim, soldiers must prove

that they owned whatever was lost and they must prove the value of the item. Soldiers can do this by making sure that they completely and accurately fill out POV inspection sheets and high dollar value item sheets provided by their units. Soldiers can also take pictures of their property and keep receipts and owners' manuals.

Soldiers should also be aware that the Government does not pay replacement value on personal items. The Government pays depreciated value. This means that a soldier gets compensated for what the item is worth at the time of the loss, not necessarily what the soldier paid for the item or what it would cost to replace the item. If a soldier is really worried about his or her stuff, then he or she may want to consider private insurance.

Once soldiers realize that they have been a victim of theft or vandalism, then they must report it to the MP's immediately and to the claims office as soon as possible.

The Claims Office is located at Bldg. 200, Patton Hall and can be reached at 239-2633/3830.

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Navy JROTC cadets from Shawnee Heights High School participated in a Retreat Ceremony while visiting Fort Riley. The students took part in a mini-boot camp throughout the week.

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Staying Behind

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obligation. For more info contact isa Schwarz, (785)587-8069.

#### Musical set

"Bow the Knee" a dramatic nusical for Easter by Chris Machen and Kimberly R. Messer vill be performed by members of

he Junction City Church of the Nazarene at 7 p.m. today and omorrow at the Junction City High School Auditorium.

Contact the church office at '85-762-4402 for tickets or for urther information.

#### NAF job fairs set

The NAF personnel division vill sponsor job fairs at Riley's Conference Center on the followng dates: Aug. 21, April 17, Sept. 8, May 15, Oct. 16, June 26, Nov. 13, July 24, Dec. 11

Applications will be accepted rom 9 - 9:45 a.m., for immediate racancies in Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities. Interviews vill begin at 10:15 a.m. with job offers made as selections are

Contact the Fort Riley CPAC VAF office at (785) 239-2325 for dditional information.

#### Asian Pacific Month Program

The Installation Equal Opporunity Office will sponsor Fort Riley's celebration of Asian Pacifc Heritage Month on May 8, at Riley's Conference Center from 1:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The theme for his year's observance is "Unity in

re \$18, but try it out without tributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The program is free and open to all soldiers, their families, civilian employees, and the surrounding communities. For more information, please contact your Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor or the Fort Riley EO Office at 239-2928.

#### OCSC Spring Bazaar, Car Show

One stop shopping for fun and games, shopping and much more. The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilian' Spouses' Club is sponsoring its annual Spring Bazaar April 6 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and April 7 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Marshall Army Air Field Hangar

Come out and have a great day shopping and visiting with the community. This year an added treat for all car buffs! There will also be a car show! April 6. Come out and see the Kansas Speed Way Pace Car and much more. Suggested donation for entry is one dollar for both events. Opportunity drawings held hourly. Lots of food, fun and fantastic shopping for families and singles alike. Strollers welcome, but not pets please. Open to the public. To volunteer or make inquiries about the event call Amy at 565-0228.

#### Easter Sunrise Service

The Fort Riley Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Outdoor Chapel Sunday from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Morris Hill Chapel is the inclement weather site. Speaker for the serreedom". Please join us as we vice is Pastor Brad Dyrness from elebrate in remembrance of con- the Church of the Nazarene in

Junction City. A breakfast brunch for spouses, graduating high ful relationships with military will be served after the service.

#### Thrift Shop News

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is currently seeking furniture consignments and has also begun accepting spring clothing consignments.

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Please call 784-3874 for more information. The Thrift Shop e-mail address is thrift@ozonline.net, for customer questions or concerns.

#### Spring Carnival

Fort Riley Elementary School will host its Fort Riley Elementary Spring Carnival April 20 from 4-7 p.m. There will be refreshments, games, entertainment and many other activities. For ticket information call 784-

#### Christian Musician Needed

The Contemporary Protestant Service that meets at Normandy Chapel needs a lead guitar player for their praise and worship band. The service meets on Sundays at 11 a.m.; practices are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. If interested, call Chaplain Paulson at 239-3436, if there is no answer, please leave a message.

#### Combined Scholarships

Scholarships are now available

school seniors and college students of any active duty, retired, munity. Applicants must have a involve youth in Christian servalid ID card and scholarships vice.
will only be awarded for underHigh School and Middle graduate programs or vocational schooling.

Applications may be picked up at the Junction City, St. Francis Xavier, or Manhattan High School Guidance Counselor's office, Fort Riley Thrift Shop, The Shoppe, or The Soldier and Family Support Center or applications can be downloaded from our webwww.ftrileyscholar.com Scholarships will be awarded in

Application deadline is April 5, 2002. For questions, call Dee Hayhurst at (785) 587-1933.

#### Officials Needed

The Fort Riley Sports Office is looking for officials for the sports of Soccer and Volleyball. Anyone interested in officiating either of these sports should contact Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

#### Club Beyond

Club Beyond and Club Beyond JV are designed for high school and middle school youth, respectively. These meetings include a Christian devotional and the three 'F's" of youth ministry: food, fun and friends. Club Beyond meets Sunday nights and CBJV meets Friday nights. Both clubs meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel on Main Post. The mission of Club Beyond Army Community Hospital

dependent youth, to lead youth into relationships with Christians or deceased military member and with Christ, to help youth from the greater Fort Riley com- grow in Christian faith and to

> School students are invited to join in cleaning up the wetland wildlife habitat in Junction City, April 27, for its dedication. For more information, contact Don Ericson, Club Beyond Director, at 238-4436 or dericson@nqks.com. You can check out Club Beyond the web www.nqks.com/clubbeyond.

#### Child Safety

Child car seat inspections are available through Irwin Army Community Hospital's (IACH) Community Health Nursing. Assistance with correct placement and positioning of your child's car seat and information are part of the inspection.

Active duty uniform service members, their families, retired military, and DoD civilians are eligible for this service. There is no fee.

Car Seat Inspection appointments are available Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Inspections will take place in the IACH parking area. To schedule a car seat inspection please call Community Health Nursing, at 239-

#### Tobacco Cessation

New classes are forming to kick that tobacco habit. Irwin and CBJV is to develop meaning - offers a four-week tobacco cessa-

tion program, which meets Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. or Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a dietician teaches participants healthy ways to avoid weight gain.

Active duty uniform service members, their families, retired military, and DoD civilians may participate in the tobacco cessation program. For more information contact Community Health Nursing at 239-7323

#### Cancer Support

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting is set for April 3, at 6 p.m. at Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic.

#### Siren Alert Test

Fort Riley will conduct a Siren Alert Exercise today at 3 p.m. to test its tornado warning alert notification procedure.

The siren system will emit a series of three one-minute warbling siren blasts at 3 p.m. When the blasts are sounded, personnel should tune their televisions to Fort Riley's Cable Channel 2 for further guidance.

Beginning May 1, Fort Riley will conduct monthly tests the first Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. to assess the siren's effectiveness of coverage.

For more information, call the Fort Riley Operation Center at

# Alerts lessen chance of network security breech

ByJohn Quigg **ARNEWS** 

WASHINGTON — In 2000, Army networks were exposed to nore than 5,000 intrusion attempts — less than 70 were sucessful.

Intrusion attempts in 2001 early tripled, but less than 100 vere successful.

During an undeclared "cyber var" between Chinese and U.S. ackers in the first two weeks of May, more than 50 Army Web pages were defaced by an autonated attack. These defacements vere successful because pubished fixes, identified in Informaion Assurance Vulnerability Alerts, were not in place on the

hacked machines.

IAVA's are the digital equivalent of a Safety of Flight Message and are reported to the Chairman in June 1998, provides the Secreof the Joint Chiefs of Staff on a monthly basis.

The alerts address basic security measures in place for Army computer networks and, officials said, they are one of the most critical tasks on a commander's plate as the Army transforms itself into a digitally-enabled force.

Since January, there have been more than 5,000 intrusion attempts against the Army's net-—- less than 15 of those have been successful. Officials in the Army Information Assurance Office, Chief Information Office, G-6, said they believe that the key

one successful intrusion is too

The IAVA process, established tary of Defense with "positive control" of vulnerability notification and a centralized reporting capability for tracking vulnerability compliance, according to officials.

The Army Computer Emergency Response Team is the Army's focal point for implementation of the IAVA process and part of the Land Information Warfare Activity at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"The ACERT receives alerts issued by the DOD Computer Emergency Response Team," explained MSgt. Larry Porter, head of the Army's Chief Infor-

ance Verification Team. "The domly selected units to verify ACERT identifies the vulnerabilicompliance. ty and the solution for major command and program executive officers, Information Assurance pro-gram managers and their system more than 50,000 computers. administrators and network man-

Major military command IAPMs are responsible for ensuring that the alerts are acknowledged and that corrective actions are implemented or that extensions are granted, Porter said.

Compliance reports are compiled by the Army's IAO and provided to the Army's CIO and senior leadership. In November 1999, the Army

established the IAVA Compliance Verification Team to conduct is the IAVA process and that just mation Officer's IAVA Compli- short-notice assessments of ran- Army's IAO.

From its establishment through

February 2002, the CVT has

It has discovered 1,663

instances of previously identified IAVA vulnerabilities.
"These vulnerabilities were reported as corrected, but were

still present on the networks,' Porter added.

The Army is doing a better job by increasing accountability and responsibility.

"We established an IAVA compliance database that provides a clear chain of accountability and communications," said Ron Sturmer, a contractor with the

"It's clear that as long as we have an Army computer network, we are going to have to protect it," said Lt. Col. Thaddeus Dmuchowski, director of the Army's Information Assurance Office.

"Each year the number of attempted intrusions increased, and it's not just against military computer networks.

Nationally, the Computer Emergency Response Team identified six intrusion attempts in 1988, compared to more than 52,000 attempts last year."

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## Mechanics at National Training Center work supply mission for unit

By Steven Cooke

19th PAD

Mechanics at the National Fraining Center wear multiple

"We're mechanics doing a supoly job," said SFC Archie Smith, Maintenance Support Team Chief, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 541st Maintenance

The job of the supply unit, at NTC, is to make sure Headquarers and Headquarters Company, st Brigade's requests for supplies re fulfilled in a timely manner, xplained Smith.

Supplies requested range from ood to office supplies to ammuition and wood, said Smith.

The most requested item is oil nd petroleum goods," he said. Oil is the hardest thing to keep. As soon as we get it's gone.'

to make sure that the right amount of the requested good is sent to the right unit.

Supply mainly works out of the 2-4 yard, explained Bryan Bryan, con Symonds, all wheel mechanic, 1st Maint. Bn. Maintenance Co., working as a fork lift operator.

"We sort the supplies here," supplies while in route to and too.

The key explains Spec. Peter said Symonds. "Then we load the from "The Box", said Bryan. Stamey, 1st Maintenance Co., is supplies on flat racks to get them ready to be shipped out.'

Supplies are mainly shipped by trucks but air lifts have been used at NTC, explained Capt. Dwight Bryan, commander, HHD, 541st

An important part of the train-

Military police constantly patrol the routes traveled by the supply trucks. Patrol cars are also placed in front of and behind the trucks for the duration of the trip. Additionally, every soldier on the

ing process here is protecting the nance has its share of problems said.

Challenges are basically communication, time management Symonds.

**BRIGGS-WEST LOT** 

and fulfilling requests for supplies," said Smith. "We have really long hours too, but it's nothing we can't handle." One aspect that can be a little

troublesome though is threats against the perimeter.

trucks is armed with a weapon.

Working in supply, like maintething and secure the area," he

"It's satisfying to get supplies to soldiers on

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# Post gate access hours emphasized

Estes, Rifle Range Roads, Grant Ave. affected

#### From Staff Reports

In an effort to better serve solliers who live in communities orthwest of the installation, post officials opened the Rifle Range load and Estes Road gates to outhound traffic from 4-6 p.m. durng duty days.

The gates will continue to be pen to inbound traffic from 5-8 .m. weekdays to vehicles with Department of Defense registration decals and Department of Defense or Department of the Army I.D. cards.

Additionally, the Grant Avenue gate is closed to incoming and autgoing traffic from 11 p.m.-5 i.m. daily.

Department of Defense decaled rehicles can access Fort Riley rom Grant Avenue from 5 a.m.-1 p.m., using the right lane. Non-lecaled vehicles can enter the Grant Avenue gate from 8 a.m.-11 p.m. using the left lane.

Access at Huebner Road near

Ogden, Trooper Drive near Junction City, Henry Road off I-70 and 12th Street off K-18 will continue to be open 24 hours a day. Delivery vehicles must use the 12th Street entrance.

Each adult in the vehicle must have a valid photo ID.

Additionally, visitors are required to show vehicle registration and proof of insurance and may undergo vehicle inspections in order to obtain a pass to enter the installation.

Fort Riley soldiers make every effort to issue passes in a timely manner to allow visitors to reach their destinations on time. However, if the above conditions are not met, vehicles will be denied access.

For everyone's safety, all vehicle drivers are reminded to use caution when entering the installation by keeping their speed at the posted level and observing all traffic signs.

#### **Gate Hours**

Trooper Drive (Junction City) Huebner Road (Ogden) Open 24 Hours Open 24 Hours

Henry Road (I-70) Open 24 Hours

Estes Road (Old Hwy 77) Open to incoming vehicles w/ DoD Decals and DoD ID

5-8 a.m. Open to outbound traffic 4-6 p.m.

**Grant Avenue (Junction City)** Open to vehicles w/DoD Decals 5 a.m.-11 p.m. Open to visitors

Open 24 Hours

12th Street (K-18-Delivery Access) Open 24 Hours

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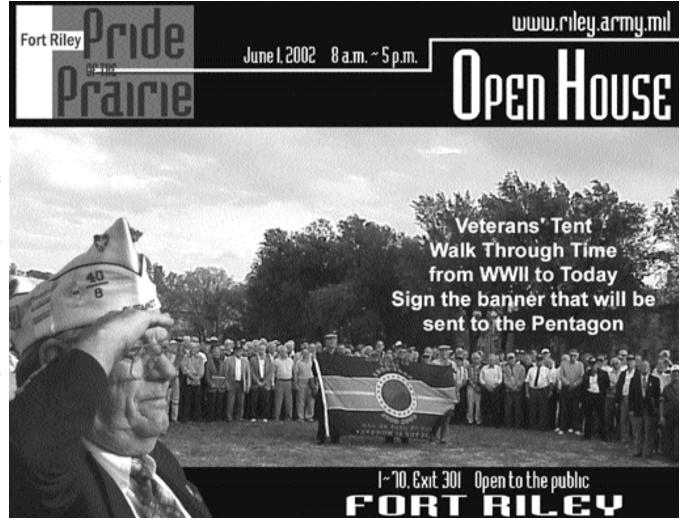
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# 924th spikes 70th Engineers 2-0

"With the addition of our two

new guys, our level of talent

has gone up from previous

By Kevin Doheny

Staff Writer

There are basic fundamentals o every sport.

Every sport is complicated in ts own way, but at its purest form, here is a place where basic funlamentals take over.

In baseball, it might be keeping he eye on the ball or keeping the lead down to field a ground ball, or in football to wrap up for the ackle or keeping eyes on the juarterback in zone defense.

These basic fundamentals are n every facet of the game. In very play or pitch, in every touch of the ball, every second of every

The same can be said for the port of volleyball. Before any point can be scored, there needs to e a basic fundamental.

Tuesday night at King Field House, the 924th Military Police Company bumped, set and spiked heir way past the 70th Engineer

Battalion 2-0, (25-16, 25-17).

"With the addition of our two new guys, our level of talent has gone up from previous years, said James Sickenger, 924th MP after the game. "I was able to get every in the game and let them play a little bit. That's how I like to do it.

The MPs picked up their sec- time for the post-season tourna-

years."

ond vicof tory the season. Their first win came by way of a forfeit Monday M E D -

"This third year

DAC

playing," said 'Already this year there has been ular season, but when it comes

tion has gone down. My first year ingly after the game. "There are there were about 12 teams, then 10, and now there is eight.'

Even with the participation down, Sickenger says there is still some pretty good competition around post. He also says, some of his key players will be around for the regular season, but come

> ment. they will be gone. guess

we will sort of be like -James Sickenger h e 924th MP Co. Cincinnati

Major League Sickenger. Baseball, we will have a great reg-

still some tough teams around post with 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery and some of the other teams. There are still some chal-

The volleyball season started Monday and will run until late April. King Field House hosts two games a night, which take place 6

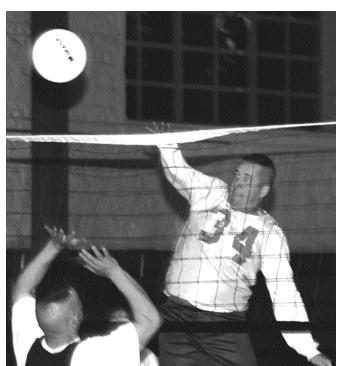
and 7 p.m.

The Battalion level league plays with the United States Volleyball Association rules with a I few local rules added.

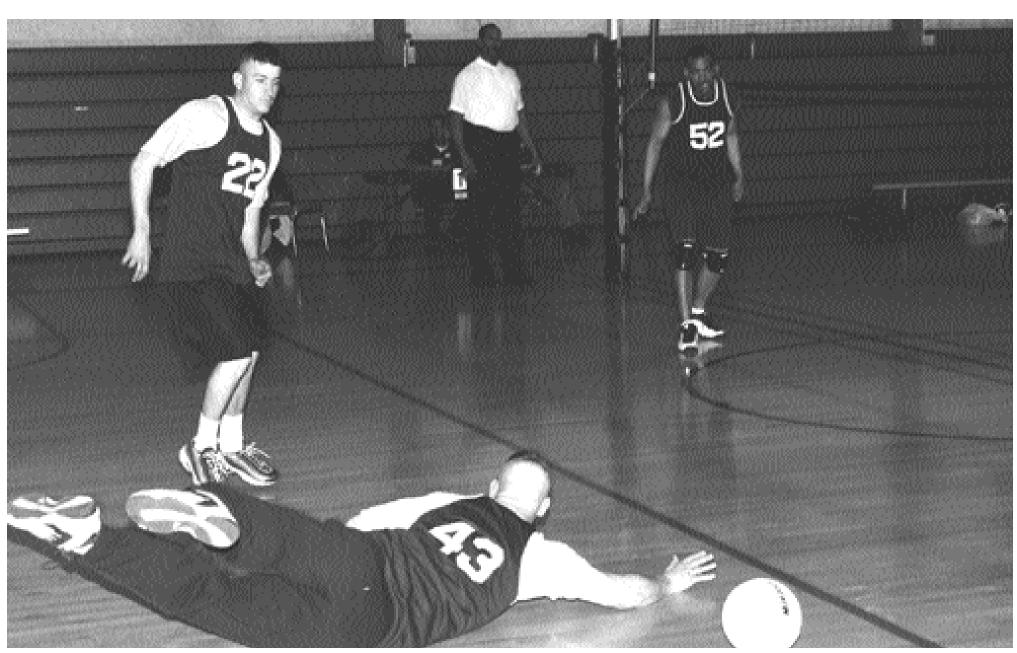
The league is also coed. Also, in order to win the match, the wining team must win two out of three games.

As the season heats up, there is sure to be plenty of volleyball action inside the friendly confines Reds in of King Field House.

As for the MPs, they look to stay on track against 1st Battalion, 34 Armor Monday, and as for the 70th Engineers, they will try to multiple forfeits, and for some time for the playoffs, we will have get to winning ways against 4-1 reason every year the participa- a hard time," said Sickenger jok- FA April 8.



Jeff Newton spikes the ball into the 70th Engineer defense. He and his counterparts defeated the Engineers 2-0.



Travis Toman, 70th Engineer Battalion, makes a dive at the ball in the first game of the 924th Military Police's 2-0 victory Tuesday night at King Field House. The Engineers fell just

# Earth Day: Several events planned April 20

By Carin Richardson

DES

On April 20, 1970, more than 20 milion Americans celebrated the first Earth Day. Over thirty years later, 300 million people worldwide are expected to celerate Earth Day. Earth Day has become in international event demonstrating conern and mobilizing support for the envionment. Earth Dav is the annual call for

pede for soldiers, their families and the surrounding communities. The Fifth Annual Ol' Bill's Earth Day Stampede will be held April 20, in conjunction with sand. the Third Annual Outdoor Recreation Open House. The events include a 5K, 20 pound Rucksack Unit Challenge Race, a 10K Race, a 2-Mile Adults and Kids Bike Rally, and a 5-Mile Volksmarch.

event called Ol' Bill's Earth Day Stam- son team from the same battalion or separate company. The rucksack race begins at 8 a.m., so arrive one hour early to register and pick up your 20 pound bag of

The 10K Race is open to all runners, limited to a maximum of 300 runners. Awards will be presented to all first-, second-, and third-place male and female ds Bike Rally, and a 5-Mile Volks-arch.

All the events will begin at the Outand under, 18-25, 26-35, 36-45, 46-55, and 56 and above. The 10K Race will

shirts (\$12) and commemorative mugs Quiz. A brochure listing questions about (\$12.50) can be ordered. After April 15, the registration fee, additional T-shirts, and commemorative mugs will be \$15

The 2-Mile Adults and Kids Bike Rally is open to all ages. Prizes will be presented to the top three individuals who have the best decorated bikes. All bike decorations should support the Earth Day Theme: "Protecting Our Freedom...Preserving the Environment." This event is

Earth Day and environmental issues will be given to each participant at the start of the walk. The answers to the quiz will be found on signs located along the route. Participants who answer all the questions correctly and complete the 5-mile walk will receive giveaways. The 5-Mile Volksmarch will be open from 1200 -1500.

Pre-registration (through April 15) for the 5K. 20 lb. Rucksack Unit Challenge

# Counting cricket chirps may be more accurate than

By Alan Hynek

DES

"A rainbow in the morning is he sailors warning; a rainbow at right is the sailors delight."

With the approach of severe veather season, it is appropriate o review severe weather drills. It s also a fun time to review old veather lore. Old time weather ore has been around for centuries n this country, with much of its listory dating back to Native Americans and old world sayings. But how much of it can be trusted? Surprisingly, many of these old tales can be backed up by scintific fact. Take the verse menioned above for example. Rainows are formed by clear sunlight efracting from very moist air round storm clouds or water

the part of the sky opposite the amazingly accurate. sun. Because our weather moves from west to east, a rainbow in the morning (in the west) means that the storm is approaching from the (evening) means that the storm has already gone east.

Many tales of animal and insect weather lore also turn out to more active and bark more before be quite true. One of my favorite weather forecasters is the common black cricket. Most of us have heard their persistent chirp, but did you know that an accurate temperature reading could be derived from this insect. All you do is count the number of chirps the cricket makes in 15 seconds, and add 37 to the number to get the correct temperature in degrees

One usually accurate sign of a change in weather is when cattle and horses crowd together, most west. A rainbow in the east the storm. Also, dogs seem to be

#### On the Wildside: News About Nature

an approaching weather front. This can be explained from the sharp drop in air pressure and stronger and sound travels farther. seem to bark more before a storm. The dog might hear other dogs at

tion before a storm could also bring new sounds and smells. Frogs and toads are also more active and visible when the often in the corner furthest from humidity increases with an

approaching storm. There's an

old saying: "If frogs come out of their holes in large numbers, it the increased humidity and will rain soon." There's also a decreased air pressure caused by saying: "If tree frogs call during a an advancing storm, including increase in humidity before a rain, the wet weather will stay for storm, which could account for a while." Some animals are said Since the restlessness of pets; smells are to predict the quality of a coming season by their den or nest build-This increase in sounds and scents ing habits. If a crawfish builds up could explain why many dogs mounds around their holes, it's a sign of a hot summer. If they don't it's a sign of a wet summer. Fahrenheit (30 chirps plus 37 a greater distance, or smell more Hornets are also said to be good equals 67 degrees). It takes a lit- things they may want to investi- predictors of the quality of a com- problems can also feel these prisingly true.

molecules. A rainbow appears in the practice but the method is gate. The changing wind direc- ing winter. If they build their nest changes high, the winter is supposed to be a difficult one. Low hornets nests are supposed to indicate a mild winter.

> Besides animals and insects. many humans say they can feel a change of weather in their bones. These sayings too, have some scientific backing.

All fluid bodies are affected by the increased humidity and

Since much of our bodies are made up of water molecules, we too are sensitive to external pressures and changes caused by the weather. This is even more so the case with conditions like arthritis or bursitis.

Swollen veins in the nasal passage cause most sinus problems. and the rate at which they expand depends partly on external air conditions. Hence, some people feel the weather change in their bones, while other feel it in their head.

Old time weather lore; be it about the sky, the winds, animals or people, is a valuable part of our heritage.

However there's no substitute for an accurate weather forecast. But if you keep an eye to nature, you might increase your chances for a true weather prediction, and have a little fun in the process.

The old weather lore, passed down through the generations, has a lot of charm. As strange as Those who suffer from sinus some may sound, many are sur-

#### Army weight control regulation 600-9 under review

By Joe Burlas

**ARNEWS** 

WASHINGTON — While the Army is currently reviewing its ules governing the weight control rogram in Army Regulation 600-), don't expect to see any changes refore fiscal year 2003.

That guidance and a message o stick to the current policy were ent to senior noncommissioned officers last week by Sgt. Maj. of "SMA sends" e-mail.

caught up in the speculation about changes to the program," he stated. "Rest assured that any decisions we make will be driven by what's best for the health of our soldiers and the readiness of our Army.

review was partly prompted by a Chief of Staff, G-1, is the Army Government Accounting Office

services to get more standardized "Don't let your soldiers get programs across each. Currently, weight control and physical fitness standards are developed and implemented independently by each service.

Another reason for the review, said Lt. Col. Margaret Flott, chief of the Individual Readiness Policy Last updated in 1986, the latest Division, Office of the Deputy knows more about health issues report and a Department of and physical fitness based upon

the Army Jack L. Tilley in a Defense directive for the armed medical science than it did years lation — information we didn't mendations for any changes will

ago.
"When I joined the Army, we did physical training in combat boots and fatigues," Flott said.

"Soldiers no longer wear combat boots when doing PT because mation-gathering stage of the we now know that practice is not healthy. Likewise, we now wear appropriate clothing for PT.

The review of the weight control program is about using estab- test proposals and practices, she lished medical science based upon said the general (United States) popu-

have 15 years ago when the curtesting it to see what is best for our soldiers and for the Army."

The Army is still in the inforreview, said Lt. Col. Linda Williams, a G-1 Health Promotion Policy staff officer.

The next step will be to field

Following the field test, recom- of the force.'

be staffed at both the Army headrent regulation was written — and quarters and major military command levels - a process which could take up to a year — before any changes might be made, Williams continued.

"We are reviewing our current policy to determine whether changes should be made and what they should look like," Williams said. "Our ultimate objective is to improve the health and readiness

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# Come take a look at us now

The public-at-large is invited to step within the boundaries of America's Army, June 1 for Fort Riley's Open House. The free event will demonstrate what the Army and Fort Riley do for the nation, community and its citizens.

#### Main Attractions

#### "Own the Night" - Interactive Night Vision

 Wear night vision goggles while entering a darkened world complete with obstacles, map reading challenges observation points

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**Tours of Historic post** 

trian skills and saber drills

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-Demonstrations of eques-

cavalry encampment

Self-guided walking tour of historic Main Post

-U.S. Cavalry Museum -Custer House

-Ribbon cutting of the Constabulary Museum

#### Expo Hall featuring ... -Soldier training and readi-

-Support links for soldiers

and their families

-Diverse quality of life programs and activities -Community partnership agencies

#### Concessions

-Variety of food and drink

-Souvenirs

#### Veterans Tent

A Veterans' Tent with displays depicting WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm will be located near the U.S. Cavalry Museum.

Parking will be available at Marshall Army Air Field, exit 301 off I-70 for those without DOD identification.

Soldiers, family members employees are -Outdoor historic vehicle and DA encouraged to park at Camp Forsyth.

Shuttle buses will continuously transport visitors to and from the parking areas and the Expo Center and to and from the Tactical Trainer Center on Custer Hill. Visitors can walk historic Main Post to the many

Log on to the Fort Riley website for updated information concerning the open house

attractions.

address The

#### TRICARE **Prime covers** travel expenses

Active duty service members and their families enrolled in TRI-CARE Prime are now eligible for cost reimbursement. This benefit applies when your Primary Care Manager (PCM) refers you to a medical specialist who is located 100 miles from your PCM. This travel benefit is a provision of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2001.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance, of Phoenix, Ariz., stated in a December 2001 press release that the "Prime Travel benefit allows reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses incurred by traveling more than 100 miles, one way, from your PCM's office for authorized specialty care." Tri-West Healthcare Alliance is con-tracted by the DoD to provide managed care of TRICARE in the TRICARE Central Region.

When a Prime beneficiary's PCM refers the patient to a specialty provider who's office is in a distant location, TriWest will send a notification letter to the patient explaining the guidelines and how to apply for travel reimbursement.

As an example, here are two specialty care referrals, which

meet the guidelines:

\* There isn't a Military Treatment Facility (MTF), or network/non-network provider available within 100 miles of the PCM's office who is a specialist in the required medical field.

\* If your PCM says you need to see a medical specialist in less than 28 days and an appointment with the required medical specialist isn't available within this time-

When it comes to applying for travel reimbursement, TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are required to bring their original receipts to Resource Management Division, located on the second floor of Irwin Army Community Hospital and fill out a travel reimbursement form. "We cannot help them if they don't keep their receipts. They have to help us," said Janice Mailen, Chief of the Resource Management Division.

To find out more information concerning the TRICARE Prime travel benefit, contact Stacy Cribb, Budget Analyst, Irwin Army Community Hospital's (IACH) Resource Management Division at 239-7116. The web site for TriWest Healthcare Alliance has more information on other travel reimbursement guidelines. Their web site address is www.triwest.com.

#### **RV** Lot gate Automated

Beginning Saturday, the new automated gate at the Recreational Vehicle Storage Lot in Camp Forsyth will be in operation. Sofdiers who are currently assigned spaces in the lot may report to the Self Help Store on that date to receive a card key. When held in front of the black "sensor" box at the entrance of the lot, the card will activate the gate to unlock and slide open.

After a vehicle has passed over and cleared the magnetic sensors in the pavement, the gate will automatically close. The card key system will allow patrons to have 24-hour access to their RV's. It will also record the card number, date and time each time it is used. If a card is lost or stolen, a charge of \$46 will be assessed to deactivate the missing card and to prepare a replacement.
Users of the lot are encouraged

to pick up their new card key on or after Saturday during the Self Help Store's business hours. The Self-Help Store hours of operation tomorrow and Sunday are 9

a.m.- 5 p.m.
The Calf Halp Store hours

# USD 475 signs agreement with Army

#### Transitioning students' frustration eased with program

By Kevin Doheny

Staff Writer

Moving is a way of life in the nilitary. These moves affect the oldier, their careers and the lives of their families.

Kids feel the frustration of noving when they try to transi-ion from one school district to nother. To help in the transition process at various schools, a Memorandum of Agreement was igned March 22 at Fort Riley with the support of senior Departnent of the Army leaders.

In 1997, an Army education eam, partnered with the Military Child Education Coalition, a nonprofit organization, began collectng evidence of transitioning Army students. This material was ised to help senior leaders better inderstand why there were probems when students transferred rom one district to another. With principles for assisting transitioning high school students. Patricia Shinseki, along with

her husband, Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki, visited Fort Riley today and showed their support of an MOA signed for Unified School District 475.

"We are very excited about this commitment," said Dr. Mary Devin, superintendent of USD 475, which includes Junction City and Fort Riley. "We are very committed here to helping our military students and their families so they can transition as smoothly as possible. We are very pleased to be continuing on the work, which has already begun."

"This signing shows the commitment they have already made, and continue to make, for military

Study. Results were released July the research that supported the 5, 2001. These results led school cause of "turbulence" in the tranofficials to implement a Memo- sition process for students. The randum of Agreement that set research showed military students move three times as often as other students. There are variations in school calendars and class schedules along with inconsistency in records being transferred.

"It's a commitment from the school district among other school districts to do reciprocal types of

things," said Riggs.
"It's only as good as the school district makes it. The military can only benefit."

Before the MOA was signed, the general's wife toured the Soldier and Family Support Center and discussed how the center helps Army families with deployments, every day Army life and education.

With the signing of the MOA, USD 475 joins an elite group of school districts taking care of



# Rippelmeyer finds success as leader for Army

NATIONAL



1st Sgt. Dawn Rippelmeyer By Karen E. Hinkle

K-State Intern

Leadership is a familiar role to

977th Military Police Company, which is why she found a home in the Army

As a high school athlete, Rip pelmeyer always found herself involved in leadership roles. She lettered all four years in cross country, basketball and softball, and frequently found herself acting as a team leader. She was also involved in ROTC.

Upon graduation, Rippelmeyer decided she wanted to find another environment that would offer her similar leadership opportunities. Her choice was the Army.

"I've always been a very phys-al person," she said. "I knew that (the Army) would be an out-

She enlisted in 1987, originally expecting only to stay in for three years. When it came time for her

Army another three years. She has continued to serve in the military ever since and has found that her career in the Army has paralleled her success as a leader in high school, suc-cess that she

attributes to hard work. "If you're willing to to work hard and do your job

well, to the best of your abilities, you will be successful," she said.

seems to come naturally to Rippelmeyer. Though she's only been in the Army 15 years, she's already been promoted to a company first sergeant. CSM Carl Hemler of the 924th Military to reenlist or leave the service, Police Battalion attributes that ties include the care and training

1st Sgt. Dawn Rippelmeyer of the Rippelmeyer decided to give the success to her professionalism of all the soldiers in the 977th MP and her great track record.

"She's got 15 years of exemplary performance," he said.

During those 15 years Rippelmeyer has had a variety of positions within the

Army, including three years as a drill sergeant. Rippelmeyer also West worked at Point as a mentor to officers, future which enabled her to

help young officers understand the importance of their relation-Success is something that ship with noncommissioned officers

However, Rippelmeyer said her current job as a military police officer is the most challenging she's had since she's been in the Army. Her current responsibili-

Company, including day-to-day tasks and working with the commander. She also oversees the

NCOs within the Company. In short, Rippelmeyer is responsible for everything her soldiers do or don't do, Hemler said.

"She is a strong NCO with quality leadership traits," said Lt. Col. Pamela Martis, battalion commander, 924th MP Bn. "She has handled many deployments, with (Operation) Bright Star being her most notable.

Rippelmeyer said one particularly challenging aspect of her job is that she often finds herself dealing with new situations and problems that require different solu-

If she wonders what road to take, she knows that someone has been in that situation before, and she's not afraid to ask for advice.

"Seek that counsel," she said. "You don't have to handle it all by yourself.

Rippelmeyer also said she believes that soldiers should treat people like they want to be treated themselves. However, she doesn't let that belief keep her from doing her job as an MP.

The standards still have to be tough," she said. "That's what I

(would) expect."

While Rippelmeyer wants to continue to improve her skills as a 1st Sgt., she isn't certain that her future is to remain in the military. Part of her wants to see if she can become a sergeant major, but another part of her desires to return to a civilian life.

As a civilian, Rippelmeyer said she would like to work with animals.

"I see what animals can do with people," she said. "By helping them, I can also help people."

### Commentary

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tary discounts and bargain cruis-

Stop by ITR, Bldg. 6918 (across from PX) for brochures and information concerning Carnival Cruise Line, Holland America, Royal Caribbean and Disney Cruises.

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#### Prenatal classes offered at IACH

The Women Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital is offering a new series of prenatal classes, "The Gift of Motherhood" on April 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the third floor classroom.

Expectant mothers, between their 12th and 40th week of pregnancy are eligible to attend.

The prenatal classes are free and each participant will receive a personal copy of the book, "The Gift of Motherhood" to take home. Expectant mothers are asked to bring their spouse, significant

other or birth coach. The class is limited to 20 participants. For more information, call Capt. Diana Seuss at 239-7434.

To register for "The Gift of Motherhood" prenatal classes, call the Fort Riley TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or toll free is 1-888-874-9378.

#### Pregnancy Physical Training program

Pregnancy Physical Training is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, on the basketball court at Long Fitness Center, from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

The program is designed to serve the special needs of the pregnant soldier by providing appropriate physical training and a health education program. Pregnancy PT supports the Fort Riley units by offering consistent health guidance for pregnant soldiers.

Every Tuesday, is an hour-long education program, which is held in the Education Bay, fourth floor of Irwin Army Community Hospital from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Short presentations by health care staff members cover a variety of topics, such as infant car seats; skincare during pregnancy, and the common discomforts of pregnancy.

Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier are welcome to attend. Participation in the Pregnancy PT program is encouraged although participation isn't mandatory. For more information, call Sgt. Carrie M. Jensen, 2nd Platoon, 568th Engineer Company at 239-5827 or leave a message at (785) 762-7012.

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# Two local troops in Soldier Show

By Harriet Rice

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Fort Belvoir, Va.— Victor Hurado had huge plans for this year's J.S. Army Soldier Show. Then he leard the soldiers audition here March 23.

"Is there such a word a 'huger'?" he asked after the last of the inalists had taken the stage at the Vallace Theater. "I am overvhelmed. Now I have much bigger plans for the show than I did riginally," said Hurtado, the how's artistic director.

"It's fabulous. You definitely lave a big show here. What I like o see is healthy, talented, sharp oldiers who can represent our Army well. That's what I've seen iere, and it's really impressive," aid Maj. Mark Shull, who came o watch the auditions along with learly 100 supporters, friends, amily, and judges.

The panel of 20 judges had heir work cut out for them. They cored the performers on criteria uch as vocal ability, stage presnce, and musical interpretation.

The first thing I look for is talnt. Can they sing? How is their voice? Is it strong? Are they conident in what they're singing? Do hey know the notes? Are they omfortable with their voice? Can hev use it as an instrument?" said Andrea Williams, a special proects coordinator for the Washingon D.C. chapter of the National Academy of the Recording Arts nd Sciences, GRAMMY(r), and

judges
She added, "The second thing I look for is stage presence.

And then I think there's that special something that gives you goose bumps when you see someone, and you get this feeling, 'Oh, they touched me."

Nerves were frayed as the soldiers awaited their turn onstage. Sgt. Sharon Tongol, from Camp Humphreys, Korea, described herself as "in knots. I'm tense." She selected Faith Hill's "There You'll Be" from the movie "Pearl Harbor" and the Dixie Chicks "Let it Rip" to show off her versatility and because the latter "is fun and I can cut loose a little bit."

Wearing a slinky magenta sequin cocktail dress, glitzy eye make-up and a sophisticated "do" for the romantic song, Tongol shook her hair out to switch character for the raucous Chicks' number. Afterwards, changed into black Soldier Show sweats, Tongol relaxed and happy. "I feel a total high. Drugs can't compare - not that I would know!" she joked.

It was an elegantly costumed, eye-catching group. Black was the fabric color of choice, sometimes teamed with light-catching silver sequins or shiny gold chiffon, at other times topped by cowboy hats or accented with sparkling jewelry.

There were some show stoppers: Sgt. Timora Green, Fort Drum, N.Y. rocked the house with "I Have Nothing"; Staff Sgt. Greg

one of nine entertainment industry judges McPhee, Fort Benning, Ga., gave a beyond-tenor rendition of Whitney Houston's "I'll Always Love You" in the song's original key; 1st Lt. Angel Stone, Fort Lee, Va., delivered a sassy "Last Dance"; and Army Reservist Lt. Col. Ann Gordon turned Tina Turner, wig and all, to ask "What's Love Got to do with it?"

Those performances culminated nine days' of evaluation, coaching and rehearsal. From military records, choral exercises, and harmonizing to dance, staging and teamwork breaking down and setting up the stage, soldiers were put to the test.

"This year, for the first time, so they knew what they were getting themselves into, they tore down the stage in one day and then set it up again before 5 p.m.," said Hurtado. "I was impressed by their teamwork and how they're supporting each other."

[On tour, the cast is also the crew, loading and unloading, setting up and dismantling nearly 20 tons of staging and equipment at each stop.]

The 23 finalists were selected from more than 40 applicants who submitted video tapes that were screened by a committee in Janu-

That committee consisted of Community and Family Support Center staff, senior NCOs, Army Entertainment Division artistic staff, Better Opportunities for Sin-

gle Soldiers representative, past Soldier Show performers and entertainment industry profes-

The technicians' "audition" consisted of learning to operate the state-of-the-art automated sound and lighting systems, then producing and running the March 23 show under the supervision of AED technical staff. There were minor glitches, but generally the four-hour production ran smoothly backstage, at the computers, and on the consoles.

On Monday, soldiers got the word about who made the final

The 18 cast members and five technicians, who include Fort Riley's Sgt. Albert Latuch and SSgt. Tobin Atkinson, immediately begin six weeks of intensive rehearsals.

They have just six weeks' to learn music, choreography, staging, and costume changes.

The show opens at Fort Belvoir May 17 with three performance, then tours for six months throughout the United States, Europe and tentatively, the Middle East.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show, an Army Entertainment Division production, is one of more than 200 Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs the Army provides soldiers and families worldwide through the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

#### Laundry Services Closed

The laundry services presently provided at Fort Riley have changed. The Department of the Army has directed that all quartermaster laundries be privatized.

"I'm not going to be given funds in the future to subsidize the laundry," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley.

"This is a tough issue because many families pinch pennies and we may hurt them by not subsidizing the laundry, but I have to think about the future of soldiers and their families," he said, referring to allocating the money toward other services and training on Fort Riley.

Those patrons who have personal items in the laundry (Bldg. 183) should pick their items up no later than April 15. Organiza tional items such as TA-50 can be picked up at Bldg. 229, the old commissary. All units, organizations and individuals requiring laundry service (TA-50, guest housing, DCA, Honor Guard, etc.) should turn in items to Bldg. 229.

Because the new operation will not accept personal clothing items, such items can be taken to the AAFES facility on post or to dry cleaners off post.

#### Facility closed for repair

The Hazardous Waste Storage facility at DRMO will be closed for repairs and will not be accepting hazardous waste beginning April 1. The concrete pad at the HWSF is scheduled to be resealed at this time, the resealing insures that if a spill were to occur the material will be contained and not permeate into the soil below. The HWST is anticipated to reopen May 15.

During the construction organizations generating hazardous waste will need to follow this simple steps

1. Bring 1348-1A paperwork to the DES (239-8436 or 239-

2385, building 407) for processing.
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